1	2	3
Chandigarh	188	13
J&K	127	6
Himachal Pradesh	649	22
Rajasthan	17205	62
Gujarat	7728	169
Maharashtra	21346	357
Daman & Diu	67	1
Goa	657	4
D&N Haveli	—	2
Madhya Pradesh	11489	98
Andhra Pradesh	13740	225
Karnataka	11399	93
Tamil Nadu	7300	137
Kerala	8631	66
Pondicherry	234	6
TOTAL	268815	1915

Statement-II

Steps taken by Government for revival of sick industrial units.

The Government has enacted a comprehensive legislation namely 'The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985'. A quasi-judicial body designated as 'The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR)' has been set up under the Act to deal with the problems of the sick industrial companies in an effective manner, which has become operational with effect from the 15th May, 1987.

(2) The Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines to banks for strengthening the monitoring systems and for arresting industrial sickness at the incipient stage so that corrective measures are taken in time.

(3) Commercial banks have also been directed by the Reserve Bank of India to formulate rehabilitation packages for the revival of potentially viable units.

(4) The Reserve Bank of India has also issued guidelines to the banks indicating parameters within which banks could grant reliefs and concessions for rehabilitation of sick but potentially viable units without reference to RBI both in the large and small scale sector.

(5) Revival of sick industrial units is also facilitated by amalgamation/merger of sick units with healthy units. Tax benefits are given under Section 72(a) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to the healthy company for revival of the amalgamating sick units.

(6) Government has set up the National Renewal Fund which would inter-alia, provide for payment of compensation to workers affected by industrial restructuring.

(7) On the advice of the Government of India, the Reserve Bank of India has set up State Level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIICs) in all States under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Industries Department of the concerned State Government for working out a rehabilitation package for revival of sick but viable small scale units.

(8) Financial assistance in the form of long term equity type assistance upto Rs. 2,50,000/- to units with a project cost not exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs at a nominal service charge of one per cent per annum is also available to potentially viable but sick small scale industrial units from the National Equity Fund set up in August, 1987.

(9) The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has been established to function as an Apex Bank for tiny and small scale industries.

Closure of Modern Rice Mill of FCI at Miryalguda, Andhra Pradesh

987. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Modern Rice Mill of FCI at Miryalguda, Andhra Pradesh, stands closed since October, 1993;

(b) the number of workers affected by the closure;

(c) whether the retrenched workers and their families have been on peaceful relay Dharna since then and are still continuing demanding alternative employment under FCI godowns etc.;

(d) whether Government consider this question as a human problem; and

(e) whether Government are taking steps to provide these workers alternative employment, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 51

(c) Though these 51 displaced contract labourers had been on peaceful relay Dharna since the closure of the MRM, the Dharna was called off w.e.f. 12.9.95 as the Hamali Workers Cooperative Society, Miryalguda, the H&T contractor for FSD Miryalguda agreed to provide work to them on rotation basis.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) With a view to providing continued opportunity to these workers to earn their livelihood the FCI proposes to suitably amend the H&T contractor with the Hamali Workers Cooperative Society after the expiry of its present contract with them on 31.1.1997.

Allegations of corruption against Western Coal Fields

988. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain allegations of corruption have been made against the Western Coalfields;

(b) if so, the nature of allegations;

(c) the response of the WCL thereto; and

(d) the steps to be taken to prevent corruption in WCL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) The allegations made relate to grant of linkages and allocation of coal to non-existant units, allotment of mining blocks to private companies, awarding of contracts, reporting of producton, write-off of stocks etc.

An independent machinery exists in WCL for prevention of corruption and taking suitable action against officers found guilty after proper investigations. All specific allegations made against any official is looked into by this machinery and appropriate action taken where necessary. The allegations pertaining to grant of linkages and allocation of coal to non-existent units are being enquired into by Ministry of Coal.

गुजरात में नई चीनी मिलों को हो रही वित्तीय कठिनाइयां

989. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी॰ सोलकी:** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान गुजरात में स्वीकृत की गई नई चीनी मिलों के संबंध में मूल्यों में वृद्धि होने के कारण काफी वित्तीय समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या गुजरात राज्य सरकार ने इन परियोजनाओं की निर्धारित लागत में संशोधन करके उसे 40 करोड़ रूपये करने के संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार से अनुरोध किया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार ने मानक लागत में वृद्धि करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाए हैं?

खाद्य मंत्री तथा नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव): (क) से (ग) सातवीं योजनावधि (1985-90) के दौरान मंजूर की गई फैक्ट्रियां बहुत पहले लग जानी चाहिए थीं। वित्तीय संस्थानों द्वारा कार्यान्वयन में हुए विलम्ब के कारण लागत में हुई वृद्धि पर व्यावहार्यता के आधार पर विचार किया जाना होगा।

Regarding Commission to include new castes in the List of OBCs

990. SMT. BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR.

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Commission to include new castes in the list of Other Backward Classes:

(b) if so, the Composition of the Commission: